

Ashley Brags On Torrance The Live City

Civic Feat of Presenting Symphonic Orchestra Unprecedented

Carroll S. Ashley, 2910 238th street, South Torrance, is a citizen who believes that his community should have credit where credit is due. On the occasion of the presenting of its first concert by the Torrance Symphonic orchestra, a civic feat unprecedented in the history of towns of the size of this community he expressed his sentiments in a letter to Ed Ainsworth, conductor of the "Along El Camino Real" column in the Los Angeles Times.

He says: "Lomita, April 23.

"Dear Sir: "While you have been browsing around among the different suburban towns, there is one other town in Southern California you never mention—Torrance, manufacturing city of Torrance!

The busy little city has a live newspaper and over 26 industries. There is plenty of news hereabouts: political imbroglios, housing problems, waterworks fights and industrial events vital to the welfare of California.

There has been little propaganda in the way of diversions, such as covered wagon days, street carnivals, egg rolling contests, or other such things that would tend to attract attention—yet there is an event coming up which might attract the curious on the evening of the twenty-sixth of April there is to be a concert by the Torrance Symphonic Orchestra!

"I am not prepared to state just how many outlying communities have rendered any such concert. In this one event, however, there will be an outstanding effort to present something new and great. "Just at this time here at Torrance is a fine place not to sow one's wild oats—but to observe probably the greatest collection of wild oats in captivity! Every vacant lot seems to vie with other vacant spaces to reach the ultimate in outy beauty!"

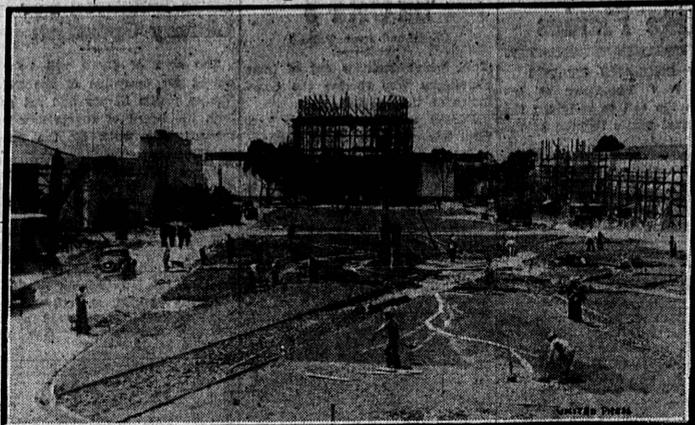
"CARROLL S. ASHLEY"

(Signed)

Building Stolen

MARLBORO, Mass. (U.P.)—A small building was hoisted from its foundation and trucked away here. The theft was reported to police when Professor Edward H. Elbridge, who had just purchased it, went to inspect his property and found only the ceiling.

Production Progresses at San Diego Fair



Working 24-hour shifts, construction progresses at an exceptionally fast rate at the California Pacific International Exposition at San Diego. Many of the new buildings will be completed within the next week, and those under construction will all be ready for exhibition in plenty of time for opening of the fair on May 29.

Recall of Mayor and Two Members Of Council Started In Gardena

GARDENA, May 9.—Reaching Gardena this week, the epidemic of recalls which has been rampant in neighboring cities, culminated here with the publication of notices of intention to submit for signatures petitions demanding the recall of Mayor Chas. A. Hale, and Councilmen Bamford and Sever. The notices bear the signatures of six Gardena citizens, Alfred Mitchell, Lawrence E. Cameron, C. P. Christensen, Geo. H. Nelson, Harold D. Overton and Nathaniel R. B. White.

The notices of intention set forth five reasons why the petitioners believe the three councilmen should be recalled, practically all of which concern alleged violations of the laws prescribed for sixth class cities by the councilmen in governing the municipality.

The first reason cited alleges that the three councilmen hold clandestine meetings at which municipal affairs are discussed and that they subsequently vote at council meetings in accordance with each other's votes.

The second reason has to do with the contract for the purchase of three acres of land at Market and Harvard street as a city hall site. This purchase, according to the petition, was made without first obtaining the consent of two-thirds of the electors at an elec-

tion; that no provision was made for the collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest thereon; that no provision has been made for the payment of the principal; and that the purchase was made without authorization from the state board of equalization.

The third reason set forth is that the councilmen passed an ordinance to change the place of meeting of the city council although such ordinance could not be legally passed at said time.

In the fourth reason given by the petitioners, it is claimed that the city hall was moved to the new location despite the fact that the city had a lease upon the ground where the city hall stood and upon which it still pays rental.

The final reason given for the recall charges that the councilmen endangered the legality of the levy for the current year by failing to pass the necessary resolution by the last date at which it can be done, according to law.

Although the notice of intention is signed by the six citizens above named, George F. Blocker, Normandie avenue resident, who owned the property where the city hall was previously located, is actively engaged in fostering the movement. Blocker was also one of the active supporters of Councilmen Bamford and Sever at the last election.

Nearby communities which are now engaged in recall elections or have recently completed them include Torrance, Long Beach, Lynwood, and Hawthorne.

Well-Known Ladies In Charge of Court

Mrs. Anna McFarland, affectionately known to her friends as "Mac," and Mrs. Edna Stone have taken over the court at 921 Sartori avenue, formerly under the management of Miss Rilla Mitchell. Rooms and board, or either, will be offered. The court is attractively furnished, the ladies are excellent cooks, and those who patronize their establishment will find it homelike and comfortable.

Faculty Get Pay Boost

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah. (U.P.)—Faculty and employees of the University of Utah will anticipate the restoration of classes next fall. They will get a 10 percent pay boost, restoring just half of a former decrease.

Compton Votes To Remain In Water District

All Phases of Colorado River Project Argued In Hottest Campaign In Compton

Compton, one of the member cities in the Metropolitan Water District, which has had a strenuous campaign during the past few weeks on the subject of withdrawal, voted Tuesday to remain a member. The vote stood 2,043 against withdrawal to 1,377 in favor of the move.

Compton is the second city in this section to consider dropping out of the district. Long Beach having voted on the question some time ago. In both cases the withdrawal proposition was defeated.

The water district question developed the hottest political battle that Compton has ever witnessed. Both sides in the campaign deluged the voters with literature regarding the Colorado river aqueduct project and the finances of the Metropolitan Water District for weeks since the city council decided to submit the matter for ballot.

Reason for Interest

Charges and counter charges were exchanged in the campaign. The drive for withdrawal was based chiefly on the arguments that Compton does not and will not for a great many years need water, that this city cannot afford to pay for its proportion of the whole cost of the aqueduct, that the aqueduct project cannot be made self-liquidating through the sale of water at the rate that would be necessary, that water rights on the Colorado river may prove to be highly costly and difficult to obtain, that the quality of Colorado river water is doubtful and that there is no limit on the liability of this city as a unit in the district.

Other Side

Arguments of water district officials in urging Compton to remain in the district generally were based on the allegations that this city is receiving employment benefits from the aqueduct project, that the federal government considers the project and the management of the district sufficiently worthy to advance funds to finance work on it now under way, that the city is morally obligated to remain in the district, that the city will in the event of withdrawal be responsible for a pro-rata share of all contracts now outstanding and that the coastal plain as a whole must obtain an additional

Keeping Up With Torrance High

An amateur show sponsored by the junior class was staged Friday, May 2, and was a huge success. On the program were Lois Jane Allen, who gave a reading; Beatrice Michau and Lorraine Rebadow, who gave a tap dance; "Peggy O'Neil," sung by Donna Jo McCutcheon; a tap dance by Blossum Roque; two songs by Howard Schoones; a song and tap dance by Midge Higgins, and music by the Torrance Hill Billies—however, the Hill Billies did not enter for a place. The winners were Donna Jo McCutcheon, first place; Howard Schoones, second place; Midge Higgins, third place; and Beatrice Michau and Lorraine Rebadow, fourth. The show was a huge success and a lot of unknown talent was revealed. Judges for the contest were Miss Collier, Mrs. Boynton, Mary Jane Smith and Dick Clutter.

Thursday, April 25, the G.A.A. girls journeyed to San Pedro where they participated in their G.A.A. playday. Torrance did very well by winning all the sports in which they indulged except hockey which was a tie. After the contests the guests, including the G. A. A. girls from Banning, Narbonne and Torrance, were taken to the auditorium where a humorous skit, "The Funeral of Poor Sportsmanship," was presented. After this the group adjourned to the cafeteria for delicious refreshments. The scores of the games were: Basketball—Torrance, 29; Narbonne, 26. Volleyball—Torrance, 2; San Pedro, 1. Tennis—Torrance vs. San Pedro, 6-0 and 6-3. Hockey—Torrance, 2; Banning, 2.

Friday, April 26, the Scholarship Society enjoyed a most interesting visit through Christopher's Candy factory, as one of the two educational tours they are permitted to take during a school semester. After they had been directed completely through the building, the crowd split and those who were able attended the baseball game at Wrigley Field between Los Angeles and the Missions.

At a scholarship meeting held May 7 it was decided that the society visit the Columbia Steel plant for their next educational tour; then go to Laura May Hyde's in acceptance of her invitation to have a social at her home.

The Annual staff and instructor are very grateful to the following local merchants, who have helped to make our "1935 Torch" possible by their ads: Sandy and Scotty, Sam Levy, J. C. Penney Co., Dolley Drug store, Star Furniture Co., Paxman's Hardware, Christy's, Clark's Stationery store, Beacon Drug Co., Torrance Theatre, Leakey's Life Insurance, Tansey's Beauty Parlor, Dr. Ingold, Ed Schwartz, Irene's Beauty Parlor and Dr. J. S. Lancaster.

Having been drilled, coached and then drilled some more, the Torrance high spelling team, composed of Glory Zahradnik, Vida Jones, Laura Lancaster, Vida Jones, and Ruth Granger, met their opponents, the Banning high school on Wednesday, April 26, to see which school ruled supreme in the spelling capacity. After a half hour of contesting, the recorders announced the score to be 19 misspelled words for Banning to Torrance's 8. Vida Jones was the outstanding student being able to spell every word given her, and the words were real humdingers. Vida will spell in the big finals to be held May 21 at Los Angeles, the winner of which will receive a scholarship to the University of Southern California.

After the usual business meeting of the Torrance Forum a unique program was presented. Representatives from the leading European nations each gave a talk in his country and its social and economic affairs. Then the renowned three, Hugh Johnson, Huey Long and Father Coughlin, in the person of Walter Bunje, Roger McGinnis and Ruth Granger, met under one roof and discussed their platforms and social theories. Following this, the company (speakers and listeners) went to the cafeteria where they were served delicious strawberry shortcake. Julian Isen is program chairman and is the student responsible for such an interesting meeting.

Earl Smith, representative of Torrance high in the World Friendship Club Oratorical contest, held May 3 at Banning high school, placed third with his excellent speech. Torrance high is proud of his efforts as he had some very stiff competition. Kenneth Martin, Washington high school's representative, was the winner, and Patricia Sepulveda, of San Pedro, took second.

water supply if there is to be any future development. Each, and every argument voiced by one side was challenged by the other. The withdrawal group charged that continuation in the project would result in the multiplication several times of water rates when the aqueduct is completed and the figures have likewise been disputed.

Compton voted into the water district in June, 1931, being the last city to join the district, in a campaign under the leadership of Clarence A. Dickson, then mayor. He also led the local campaign for the approval of a \$250,000,000 bond issue later in the same year. His successor as mayor, Clifton S. Smith, led the campaign for withdrawal.

And All the Twins Were There



Present at the Eighth Annual Twins Convention held in Long Beach, Calif., were Varva and Albert Sutherland. The twins, labeled the "earthquake twins" in the parade, were born two years and two months ago, during the disastrous Long Beach earthquake.

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mation with troop colors. Roll call. Short address by Mayor Scott R. Ludlow and Councilman W. H. Tolson.

Contests will include roll call, inspection, signalling, string burning, friction fire, flint and steel, fire, tent pitching, stretcher race, egg tossing, flag race. These events will take place in the hall park in front of the grand stand, 5:00 p. m.—To the colors, break camp, dismissed.

The point system in scoring is to be used, 5 points for first place, 4 points for second, 3 points for third, 2 points for fourth and 1 point for fifth. The first three troops to score highest points will receive pennants. First place Scouts in each contest will receive a ribbon.

Bounty On Magpies

LOGAN, Utah. (U.P.)—Magpies with a desire to keep living would do well to avoid Logan, where six cents per dozen for magpies and magpie eggs are being offered to exterminate the bird. Nearly 4,000 were bought last year.

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